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[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

JOLIET, Dec. 28.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The closing proceedings of the evening session of the Teachers' Association last evening, consisted of an address by Hon. Newton Bateman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It was quite long, occupying one hour and a half in its reading, and very able, devoted to the discussion of township organization as compared with the present county system. General points of organization:

MR. BATEMAN'S ADDRESS.

He began by remarking that while the sun of the glorious peace descends more upon the whole country, it illuminates no spot with more interest than the graves of the soldiers. Their blood has not been shed in vain. The full effect of the perfection of organization are yet to be realized. Every man is a citizen, and every citizen is a voter. Intelligence and virtue are essential to the safety of the State. The duty of diffusing them, the State, a power not only in all the wisdom of the nation and the State, but of every citizen. Upon the intelligent appreciation of this duty depends the success of the experiment of self-government. Ignorance and vice in the remotest corners of a country are dangerous to the whole

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ANNO DOMINI 1865.

THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

Our Public Improvements---Buildings---Water Supply---The Lake Tunnel---River and Harbor---Drainage---Paving and Lighting---Parks---Railroad Statistics.

Property---What We Own, Owe, and Pay in the City and County---Taxation, Municipal and National.

BUSINESS---SALES---MANUFACTURES---THE LABOR MARKET.

POPULATION---THE CENSUS---CITY MORTALITY.

INQUESTS---MARRIAGES.

Military Record---Men Furnished, and Bounties Paid---Our Share of the War Debt---The Fall of Richmond---The Remains of President Lincoln---Sanitary Fair---Our Generals---Returning Soldiers---The End of Camp Douglas.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Crime---Cases Before the Courts---The Murderers---Divorces---Police Work.

Educational Progress---Our Public Schools---Colleges and Academies---The Churches---Sabbath Gatherings of the Children.

The Spirit of Charity---Missions---Aiding the Soldiers and Relieving the Poor.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA---FINE ARTS---SPORTS---LIST OF PROMINENT EVENTS.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

The year 1865 is fast fading out of existence, departing to join its "brethren gone before," into the boundless ocean of eternity. Its busy scenes and strifes, its hopes and fears, and selfishness, are now matters of history, by which the natural perversity of human nature will allow it to profit but little. For each one the experience of the year has narrowed our memories with its rough lifting friction, we shall profit thereby; yet even these most bitter lessons are too often, but as dashing on the sand of the shore, obliterated by the next wave of joy or sorrow that rolls on the beach. Still it is satisfactory to know that there is the aggregate of some wise, by the lessons of adversity, and this it is which marks our steps forward in the path of progress; each footstep is that impressed and stained with the blood of those who have suffered in the advance, and the wail of their agonies may yet be heard no more. The moanings of the tempest in the sea-shell, coming after the storm has been hushed forever. That aphorism, coined ages ago to express a theological fact---"The blood of martyrs is the seed of the church"---is gradually true in everything within the domain of human improvement; the fabric of social growth, of intellectual advancement, like the coral formation, is perfected only through the destruction of myriads of lives on the structure, which thus becomes alike a monument to their efforts, and their death. It is a sad hologram in the past that these formations have uniformly toppled over from excess of growth, and the fair, white fabric, which lifted its head proudly heavenward, becomes but a mass of ruins, over which the waves of the immense ocean sullenly and ceaselessly break. By and by a new mass rises from the debris, and the work of growth is succeeded by ultimate destruction as before. And this is the great problem of human life, at least in its external visible aspect; its relations to the unseen are determinable only by a revelation based on experience, and understandable by the light of reason---both, however, unite in teaching one truth---that the universe with all its forms shall war old as both a part.

The past year has been an eventful one in a more than ordinary sense. The stupendous current of events which during the last twelve months has crushed through the rapid progress-work bed of national feeling, has swept away, in its resistless flood, the strictest landmarks, and left in its track a new and straighter channel---for of the tortuous course heretofore pursued. Not only has the stronghold of rebellion been swept away, but the peculiar century of slavery wherein it stood, has been washed out of existence, and the very ocean of waters which accomplished so much of good, has in its mighty desolation laid bare the lands of homes, has wiped out lives and property scarcely numerable, has caused untold misery and ruin, and left in the light of the glorious results achieved, we cannon see the head of the Lord, or, possibly, a great evil for the accomplishment of a far greater good. The subsidence of the waters has left a new valley, which is already laughing in verdure under the benignant smile of the Sun of Liberty, and the desert, rendered sterile by the blight of slavery, is already blossoming as the rose now that the curse has been removed.

Year after year the American people, at peace. It opened on the deadly day, the scene of wide carnage, in which the lands of our sons were interred in the blood of their brethren. How far at the contrast! The eyele now closed has witnessed a struggle, more than those of the first year of the rebellion, as to the permanency of the Union, to decide which is to be entombed with a large stone final. Instead of the "cowardly Lincoln government," the people of the South, of which, as well as the one in the control, the Republican party is the head, and with the basement and slabs to the main story.

The bold designs of 1860 are executed in massive buttresses, and transepts on the sides, are all surmounted with golden, the spaces of which together with those in front are to culminate with the magnificent dome, which is already rising under the benignant smile of the Sun of Liberty, and the dess

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THE CROSBY ASSIGNMENT.

Abstract of the Instrument--The Assignor--Description of the Property Assigned--Its Disposition--The Preferred Creditors, etc., etc.

It is closely known to the readers of the TRIBUNE, that U. H. Crosby, Esq., has made an assignment of his property for the benefit of his creditors to Edmund Allen, Esq., President of the Second National Bank of Chicago, all the real estate herein described, and all of the personal property, except the stock in trade, and the proceeds of the sales of the same, and the debts due thereon, and the proceeds of the collection of such debts, shall be held by the said Edmund Allen, in trust, for the benefit of the creditors of the said U. H. Crosby, to be sold for the purposes of the assignment, to carry out the purposes of the assignment, to convey all the property assigned, and sell it at private or public sale as to him may seem best, and to collect the debts hereby assigned, to carry out, the purposes of the assignment.

The instrument provides that first the expenses incurred in carrying out the assignment shall be paid, and from which the debts shall be paid in the following order:

1st. The debts represented in A schedule thereto annexed, and marked Schedule A, are to be paid in full, if there shall be sufficient funds accruing after the payment of the sums secured by certain mortgages and deeds of trust, executed by the said U. H. Crosby to Edmund A. Nickerson for $150,000, the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for $150,000, and the balance due on mortgage to Charles D. Fosser amounting to $32,500. Otherwise they are to be paid to the order in which they are numbered.

2d. After the payment of the debts alluded to in the schedule aforesaid, and hereafter specified, all other debts are to be paid. If there shall remain a surplus, the balance of funds, and all such funds, are to be paid pro rata.

3d. The residue if any, is to be returned to the assignor.

SCHEDULE A.

The following schedule enumerates the liabilities referred to above:

1. A promissory note, dated December 1st, 1865, for $10,468, payable to Samuel M. Nickerson on demand.

2. A promissory note bearing date September 1st, 1865, for $10,468, payable to Howland F. Crosby on demand.

3. A promissory note bearing date July 19th, 1865, for $2,100, to Nathan Crosby, payable six months after date.

4. A promissory note dated August 1, 1865, for $6,000, to Cape Cod National Bank, payable six months from date.

5. A promissory note bearing date August 19th, 1865, for $5,000, payable to the Yarmouth National Bank six months after date.

6. A promissory note bearing date October 9th, 1865, for $5,000, to the Cape Cod National Bank, payable six months from date.

7. A promissory note dated October 14th, 1865, for $4,000, payable to the Cape Cod National Bank six months after date.

8. A promissory note dated October 21st, 1865, for $5,000, to the Cape Cod Northeast Bank, payable six months after date.

9. A promissory note, dated June 1st, 1865, for $1,000, payable to Godfrey Hopkins one year from date.

10. A promissory note, bearing date October 10th, 1865, for $1,500, to Yarmouth National Bank, payable six months after date.

11. A promissory note, dated August 23d, 1865, for $1,100, payable to Joseph Crosby one year from date.

12. A promissory note, dated October 10th, 1865, for $1,200, to David Harris, payable one year from date.

13. A promissory note, dated October 14th, 1865, for $2,500, payable to S. Freeman one year from the date.

Then follows the annexed list, marked in the indorsement of Schedule B," and containing a description and list of the real estate and of the personal property assigned.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

Lot(s) (3) and the north half (½) of lot eight (8), block thirty-seven, (37), in Kinzie's addition to Chicago, comprising a sixty-inches front on Washington street, by a depth of one hundred and fifty feet (150) to Lot five (5), block bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the east line of Dearborn street, sixty (60) feet south of the south line of Lake street, thence south along said line of said Dearborn street, twenty-five (25) feet, thence east by a line drawn parallel with the north line of said lot, to the west line of said lot, thence north along said line of said lot, thence south on the said east line of said lot, twenty-five (25) feet to the place of beginning, together with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and including the land of front 10 Charles Hosford as per indenture of [illegible] of $200,000 and ownership of [illegible] and Jacob Richardson, and dated the twenty-third (23d) day of June, 1865. Said lots six (6) and seven (7) except the east five (5) feet of lot seven (7) and the east five (5) feet of lot six (6) are subject also to a mortgage to Charles D. Fosser, dated December 29th, 1865, and recorded December 30th, 1865, in Book [illegible] of Mortgages, Page [illegible] as Document No. [illegible], to secure the payment of $150,000, dated December 29th, 1865.

MICHIGAN AVENUE--SIXTEENTH STREET.

Lots six (6), seven (7), eight (8), and nine (9) of Cooley's subdivision of the north two hundred and fifty-six (256) feet of the west half (½) of the west half (½) of block two (2) of Kinzie's Addition to Chicago, except the north one hundred (100) feet thereof, dated August 29th, 1865, and recorded March 14, 1865, in Book [illegible] of Deeds, Page [illegible] as Document No. [illegible], to secure the payment of $100,000, dated December 29th, 1865.

OTHER REAL ESTATE.

In Section 14, Township 39, Range 14, containing 160 acres, more or less, according to Government survey, subject to taxes for 1865, and to a mortgage to Charles D. Fosser amounting to $32,500. Otherwise they are to be paid to the order in which they are numbered.

Bookkeepers are paid by the month, Salesmen by the year, Laborers from $10 per day to $100 per month, Engineers, Firemen, Machinists, or "cobblers" are paid by the piece. In 1860 and 1861 there was a large increase on this price was made, and in 1862 and 1863 another increase was made, and in 1864 another increase was made, and in 1865 another increase was made, and in 1866 another increase was made, and in 1867 another increase was made, and in

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